

HE HAS TWO WIVES

Ralph Alonzo Cressy's Peculiar Matrimonial Monopoly.

HE IS CLEVERLY UNMASKED

His Two Wives Meet by Chance and the Revelations of One to the Other Shock Both.

Some time this week, possibly today, Mrs. Alonzo Cressy will begin proceedings through her attorney, C. C. Howell, to have her marriage with Alonzo Cressy annulled. The case is a peculiar one. Mrs. Cressy was formerly Mrs. Lucy Reynolds, and was married to Cressy May 1 by the Rev. Hamilton, of the Ames M. E. church. The ceremony was performed in Mr. Hamilton's residence, on South Division street. The license was issued May 2, and stated that the contracting parties were Alonzo Cressy, aged 35, and Lucy Reynolds, aged 32. They have since resided on Lagrange street. Mrs. Cressy is justness at the Hamiltons. Last Wednesday she heard rumors that her husband had another wife living in the city. Saturday night she went to the city and saw the famous black No. 45 Monroe street. The two women compared notes and were shocked to find that they were both married to the same man. Wife No. 1 was mortally shocked. Wife No. 2 was mortally indignant. When Cressy came home that night she unexpectedly found him in the street, and he has not been seen since.

His Other Wife.

Cressy, it is said, was married to wife No. 1 about four years ago. She was a widow and had one son. They have lived in this city for at least three years. During a year they have lived in the famous black, and Mrs. Cressy has moved from room to room. Cressy has been engaged in various employments. In the city directory his occupation is given as a street car motor man. He runs an employment bureau in the Tower block for a few times, and afterwards engaged with the Teel Novelty company as sales man. Several weeks ago while Mr. Teel was south, C. C. Howell, secretary of the company, wrote to him that Cressy was acting very peculiarly. After Mr. Teel came home Cressy's connection with the company was severed. About this time Mrs. Cressy No. 1 noticed a change in her husband's manner. They had always lived very happily together, and she was at a loss to account for the change in his conduct. He began to stay out late nights. At first he stayed until 10 or 11 o'clock. This was increased until 2 or 3, and for the past three weeks he has not returned home at all except on one or two occasions, and then he occupied a separate room on the floor below his wife's apartment. A few days ago he told wife No. 1 that he was tired of living with her and intended to quit her in a little while.

His Secret Discovered.

During the time of his absence he has been living with wife No. 2. Mrs. Cressy No. 1 suspected that there was another woman in the case, but she had no idea he had married again. The announcement of the marriage license was seen in the papers by Mrs. Teel, a friend of Mrs. Cressy's. She called Mrs. Cressy's attention to it, and the similarity in the names was commented upon. Cressy's full name is Ralph Alonzo Cressy, but he was married the second time as Alonzo Cressy. Cressy might have continued his Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde existence indefinitely had not wife No. 2 become suspicious. She had been supporting him, he having told her that Mr. Teel owed him \$100, which he could not collect. She called on Mr. Teel's men and learned to her dismay that Cressy did not have a cent coming and that he had another wife. She investigated the case, and accordingly will bring suit to annul the marriage. Mrs. Cressy No. 1 seems to have the sympathy of everybody acquainted with her. She is said to be a woman of exemplary character and a sincere Christian. Her love for her faithless husband is still so strong that it is not believed she will allow any action to be brought against him if she can prevent it.

City News in Brief.

W. R. Shibley, E. F. Uhl and W. J. Stuart have been elected delegates to represent St. Mark's church at the Western Michigan Diocesan convention, which will meet in Muskegon June 7 and 8. E. A. Graham, J. H. Campbell and G. C. Swenson are the alternates. Dr. D. Milton Greene will read a paper before the world's fair auxiliary congress. It will treat of the degree of infidelity in the souls of the public school children of Grand Rapids, and is based upon Dr. Greene's recent examinations. C. Van Holton was boiling a kettle of tar on a stove in his residence at No. 131 Sherman street yesterday afternoon about 1:30 when it ignited. An alarm was turned in from box 222 and the department was called. The damage was slight.

Company H, Michigan state troops, took a twenty-one mile march into the country yesterday and will continue to take occasional marches in preparation for the trip to Ottawa Beach Saturday afternoon, June 17.

The Society of Christian Endeavor of the South congregation church collected the anniversary yesterday by appropriate services. Congratulatory speeches were made by different members of the society.

The Epworth league of the Division Street M. E. church will hold a social Thursday evening at the residence of Miss Fothergill, No. 44 Paris avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gorn have presented the creditable collection of papers by her son, the late Charles W. Gorn, to the Kent scientific institute.

The Fountain Street baptist church will receive donations for the Spring Lake free sufferers today, tomorrow and Wednesday in the church parlors.

Thos. Han, George F. Richardson will be made a member of Court Road in downtown Detroit of Detroit in St. Louis, Mo., last Monday night.

Superintendent of Tractor John Doyle of the C. & W. M. reports that he has found a new engine in the vicinity of Nottawa and White Cloud.

The Grand River Valley Horticultural society will hold its monthly meeting in Paris Grange hall tomorrow afternoon.

Superintendent Hagdon reports sixty seven births and thirty-six deaths in the ninth ward during the past week.

A. H. Krosch has sold 13 of 45 of White & Black's addition on the west side to C. A. Buchanan for \$3,000.

W. B. Folger is the fifth local wheel-

man to make a century run. He weighs 150 pounds too.

The C. & W. M. road is preparing plans for a dining hall at Traverse City. The Valley City will begin regular trips to Grand Haven June 1.

Personals.
Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Newgro, of Battle City, Montana, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. D. Milton Greene.

Church News.
H. K. Samuelson, a young Armenian, gave an interesting talk on "Life Among the Turks," in the Young Men's Christian association building yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair conducted services in St. Mark's yesterday for the first time in several weeks.
The Rev. Eli Wigle spoke at the Western street mission yesterday.
A full choral evening was rendered in St. Paul's church last evening.
Living Whitlock spent Sunday at the home of his mother at Hastings.

Bicycle Prizes.
The following are the prizes offered for the Plainfield run which will take place on Memorial day: First prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25; fourth prize, \$10; fifth prize, \$5; sixth prize, \$2.50; seventh prize, \$1.25; eighth prize, \$0.60; ninth prize, \$0.30; tenth prize, \$0.15; eleventh prize, \$0.07; twelfth prize, \$0.03; thirteenth prize, \$0.01. An engraved silver cup, valued at \$30, will be given to the rider making the best time. A \$15 coupon portrait will be given to the rider making the best time to Plainfield.

Schult in Jail for Larceny.
Deputy Sheriff Brinkman returned from Detroit last evening with Hubert Schult, wanted here to answer a charge of larceny preferred by Thompson Bros. West Bridge street jewellers. It is alleged that Schult bought a \$20 gold watch from the company a few days ago on the installment plan, paying \$6 in cash. Yesterday morning he packed his trunk and bought a ticket for Patterson, N. J., starting for Detroit. His family live in Germany and the company suspected he was making preparations to join them. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest and the authorities at Detroit were telegraphed to arrest him, which they did.

Contributions for Spring Lake.

The following contributions for the Spring Lake free sufferers are reported by Mayor Stuart:
Cash: Fountain Street baptist church, \$21.75; Mrs. E. P. Fuller, \$25; S. L. Fuller, \$5; H. M. Reynolds & Son, \$10; H. Parker Robinson and wife, \$10. Clothing, bedding and household articles: Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker Robinson, children's home; Mrs. Stuart, No. 66 James street; Mrs. A. B. Botsford, Mr. Kinsey, shirts. These were all sent Saturday. Radcliff & Holt have volunteered to call for, pack and deliver all goods at the depot.

BETTER THAN PARIS.

Tom Palmer Says Extortion Does Not Rule at the Fair.

Detroit, Mich., May 21.—President Thomas W. Palmer of the world's fair national commission has returned to the city for a few days on account of the illness of Mrs. Palmer.
"Unless the national commission experiences a change of heart," said the ex-senator, "the world's fair will not be open on Sunday. A proposition is now before the commission to open the grounds and the buildings and allow the machinery to remain idle, the admission fee remaining at 50 cents. But if any change is made in the rules already adopted in this regard it will not be made inside of sixty days."

President Palmer thinks the stories of extortion in Chicago are greatly overdrawn.
"There was 100 per cent, yes, 1,000 per cent, more extortion at the Paris exposition than there is at Chicago," said he. "A man can go there now and live almost as cheaply as he can at any time in Chicago, and in two months he can live there for less than he could before the fair commenced. The prices on the grounds are not extortionate. I can go into the Electricity building and get a good lunch for 35 cents. Everything a man needs to see in the grounds can be seen for 50 cents. A man doesn't have to visit the Turkish theaters and ballet dances and other kindergarten features in the grounds."

President Palmer said the Theodore Thomas matter was being discussed at a conference between the national commission and the local directory, with the prospect that an amicable settlement would be reached.

"I don't know how it will come out," said he, "but one thing is certain, the right of the national commission to remove the heads of national departments will be conceded."

But the contest between the commission and local directors is far from being settled.

The arbitrary rules adopted by the local directory for the government of the grounds are not rules at all as yet," explained the ex-senator, "they are nothing but propositions. They will not become rules until the national commission has ratified them, which has not been done as yet. The order prohibiting smoking within the grounds has been rescinded. There is no question that the rules will have to be amended somewhat and the national guards drilled a little better, but these things will look themselves into shape if you give them a little more time. The national commission and local directory are composed of sensible men, and there isn't going to be any serious difficulty."

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Little Annie Johnson's Escape From a Street Car.

BRAVE ACT OF MRS. CONNOR

She Rescued a Little Girl at the Peril of Her Own Life.

How She Did It.

Little Annie Johnson, aged 5 years daughter of Mrs. Christina Johnson, of No. 130 Taylor street, in attempting to save her pet dog from being run over by a Taylor street car last evening about 6:30 came within a hair's breadth of having her own life ground out under the wheels. She was saved from a horrible death by the wife of Patrolman Connor, of No. 180 Taylor street, who rushed on the track in front of the approaching car and by an act of bravery, the like of which is not frequently chronicled, succeeded, by the aid of the motorman in throwing her to the opposite side. When the motorman saw the peril in which the two were placed, he applied the brake, but the car was under such headway that it was plainly evident they would both be run over. He leaned over the dashboard of the car, and with a great effort lifted Mrs. Connor from her feet and with the help of passengers who were standing on the front of the crowded car, threw her to one side. Mrs. Connor had, however, pushed the little girl so nearly off the opposite side of the track that she escaped injury. The name of the motorman could not be learned, but he had charge of a car that had just pulled out of the Street street station with a load of North park excursionists. There was great excitement among the crowd that witnessed the narrow escape from death of these two persons and the bravery of both the motorman and Mrs. Connor was the object of much praise.

Fire Tug Burned.

LUDINGTON, Mich., May 21.—The tug Ida M. Stevens was burned to the water's edge late last night. She was the property of the Carter Lumber company, was valued at \$200 and had just been engaged to act as fire tug for the city. No insurance.

Information Wanted.

Frank Haven, 53 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 165 pounds weight, smooth full face, dark brown hair, slightly bald, rather heavy set, with blue eyes, curly coat and vest, gray striped pants, Born missing since May 18. Lives at No. 207 Bennett street. Notify police department.

D. G. H. & M. Ry. Change Time.

Sunday, May 21st, the D. G. H. & M. Ry. will change time making the following changes: Train East, which left at 6:50 a. m., will leave at 6:45 a. m. Train West, which left at 5:10 p. m., will leave at 4:55 p. m. All other trains as usual.

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